

Additional Local.

Local Option and County Finances.
Heretofore in discussing the local option question we have studiously avoided the financial phase of the issue, considering that to be a matter of secondary importance. Had the workings of the law produced the results hoped for at the time of its adoption, we should have favored its perpetuation, no matter at what cost to the county in dollars and cents. But when its utter failure as a check to the use of intoxicants has been so abundantly demonstrated; and when we see cranks theorists attempting to bolster up a weak cause by submitting an array of figures which prove nothing but financial loss to the county, we deem it due to the people that these figures be stripped of the juggler's dress in which they are clothed and hung up in their nakedness to the scrutiny of the public—placing them in position to say what they mean.

According to a labored compilation made by O. W. Rowland, "deputy clerk of the circuit court," we find that the criminal business of the county in 1891 (nine-tenths of which was liquor cases) cost the people exactly \$8,824, made up of the following items: Jury and witness fees, \$2,223; sheriff's, deputies' and constables' fees, \$2,174; magistrates' fees, \$368—aggregate, \$4,765. To this should be added \$3,465, the amount received for licenses the preceding year (and which was the lowest for several years) and we find a grand total of \$8,230. Deduct from this \$1,406, the amount of fines and costs paid during the year, and we find that it costs the taxpayers of Van Buren county exactly \$6,824 for one year of local option, without counting the cost of boarding the prisoners while in jail, which probably amounted to \$200 or \$300 more.

RECAPITULATION.

Jury and witness fees, \$2,223 00
Sheriff, depy and const. fees, 2,174 00
Magistrates' fees, 368 00
Licenses (basis of 1890), 3,465 00

Total, \$8,824 00
Deduct fines and costs paid, 1,406 00

Net loss to tax-payers, \$6,824 00

Will Mr. Rowland, while he is singing the praises of his figures up and down the county, be honest enough with himself and his audiences to tabulate them on a blackboard and foot them up? Not he. But they are his figures and they are correct, for we have verified them by the books of the county treasurer, as any person can do who is sufficiently interested.

Now, whether this state of affairs is to continue is a question to be settled at the polls on the 5th day of next month, and THE NORTHERNER will be glad to know that every taxpayer in the county could thoroughly understand the issue; then let him vote as he interests or convictions dictate. Mr. Rowland would have the people believe that the county is getting rich out of local option. The direct opposite is the fact.

The Speakership.

A member of the Grand Rapids Democrat staff who was in attendance upon the recent special session of the legislature, seemed to have had both eyes and ears open to catch the drift of public sentiment. From a column of "political notes" from his pen in the issue of that paper of the 10th inst. we clip the following, which will be of special interest at this time when we are about to select our next representative. The subject of this item has brought honors to Paw Paw and Van Buren county. By the unanimous voice of representative Grand Army men from all parts of the state he was selected as chief of that organization, and the onerous duties of that office were discharged to the eminent satisfaction of all. During his services in the legislature his voice and vote were always heard and recorded on the people's side of every question under consideration. With G. J. Dickema on the state ticket, Mr. Eaton is the recognized leader of the Republican phalanx in the present popular branch of the legislature. If nominated he will assuredly bring to Paw Paw and his district the additional distinction of furnishing the next Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives. From the Democrat's article we quote: "It seems certain that western Michigan will furnish the next speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives. Speaker Phil Wadette will be re-elected in case the house is Democratic, and if the Republicans secure control it is probable that Hon. Charles L. Eaton of Paw Paw will be chosen. Mr. Eaton's chances were discussed during the extra session, and the sentiment of the Republican members appeared to be unanimous in his favor."

Camp William L. Stoughton.

The 13th annual reunion of the Soldiers' and Sailors' association of Southwestern Michigan will be held upon the grounds of the Sturgis Driving Club Aug. 30 to Sept. 2. The camp has been christened Camp William L. Stoughton. The program just prepared gives indications of the best reunion ever held by the association. Excursion rates will be given by all railroads and the big attractions are regimental and company reunions each day, a grand parade on Thursday, sham battle on Wednesday, rousing camp-fire each evening, and the presence of Gov. Winans and his staff. Other notable speakers to be present are Rev. Washington Gardner, Senator Milnes, ex Gov. Luce, Hon. John T. Rich, Hon. R. R. Pealer, Roscoe Dix, Department Commander H. S. Dean, Geo. W. Stone, Col. O. A. Jones, Col. C. L. Eaton, Hon. Geo. M. Buck and others. The camp officers appointed are as follows:

M. H. Bumphy, Three Rivers, colonel commanding; Alfred Milnes, Coldwater, lieutenant-colonel; A. J. Kaiser, Sturgis, major; N. I. Packard, Sturgis, surgeon; M. D. Sabin, Centerville, assistant surgeon; S. P. Fryberger, Berrien Springs, chaplain; A. A. Wilbur, Sturgis, quartermaster; J. P. McKay, Three Rivers, adjutant; W. Merchant, Sturgis, chief of artillery; J. M. Ryan, Sturgis, quartermaster sergeant; chief of staff, Thomas J. Edwards, Dowagiac; aids, John Sell, Benton Harbor; N. J. Kelsey, Battle Creek; C. W. Owen, Coldwater; Frank Ryan, Allegan; L. Keeley, White Pigeon; E. P. Muhlenberg, Galesburg; K. W. Noyes, Paw Paw.

Marriage Licenses.

1330—Charles J. Lewis, 30, and Mina Fuller, 28, both of Lawton.
1331—John H. Baugher, 24, and Ida Timmons, 20, both of Almena.

Exit Electric Lights.

There has been more or less dissatisfaction over the existing system of lighting our streets ever since the plant was put in. The company was given a favorable contract and a long franchise because it was a home concern. They met with many obstacles on the start, and our people patiently waited—waited until forbearance was no longer a virtue—hoping that finally some of the many schemes of the company would materialize into a fairly good service. After running some seven or eight months the company took out the original dynamo, and for nearly or quite three months in the worst season of the year our streets were in darkness. Finally a new dynamo was put in and again the streets were lighted, but it was claimed that the lights were not up to the requirements of the contract and an expert was summoned from Philadelphia to test them. He found that under the most favorable conditions the lights were 20 per cent short of 2,000-candle power, and the council refused to pay in excess of 80 per cent of the contract price. Of course this was not satisfactory to the company, but as they were trying to supply some twenty-six or more are lights with a 20-light dynamo, they could not reasonably expect the public to be satisfied with the service. The matter culminated last Thursday night by the council unanimously adopting a resolution declaring the contract with the company canceled; passing an ordinance repealing the electric light ordinance, and ordering the recorder to serve notice on the company that they must forthwith remove their property from the streets.

We are sorry that this is so. Our people wanted and were willing to pay for a good system of lighting, but the council, as representing the people, had no other course to pursue than that which it adopted. It is to be hoped that some other company will see a business opening here and come and look us over.

They Made a Ticket.

The Peoples' party met in county convention at Hartford on Saturday last, and placed in nomination the following ticket:

Representative—John Cook, Decatur.
Judge of Probate—P. J. Dillman, Bangor.
Sheriff—Charles Austin, Keeler.
Clerk—Stephen Doyle, Hartford.
Reg'r of Deeds—J. M. Weeks, Hamilton.
Treasurer—Albert Wilcox, Arlington.
Pros. Att'y—T. J. Cavanaugh, Paw Paw.
Ct. Cl. Com'r's—J. E. Chandler, Paw Paw, W. H. Mason, Paw Paw.

New Suits.

Lilian V. Culver vs. James L. Culver; divorce.
The People vs. Henry Jones et al.; robbery.
The People vs. Robt Oaks; violation of the local option law.
The People vs. Danl Keefe; violation of the local option law.

Business Brevities.

At the Wolverine pharmacy the price of wall paper has been reduced 15 per cent. See adv.

For the latest novelty in babies' footwear, see the Eider Down Shoe, on sale only at Sellick's.

Waverly Republican Caucus.

The Republicans of the township of Waverly are hereby requested to meet in caucus at the Dayton Schoolhouse on Saturday, August 20th, 1892, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of choosing six delegates to attend the Republican County Convention to be held at the village of Lawton on the 7th day of Sept. next; also, six delegates to attend the Representative Convention to be held at Hartford, on Tuesday, Aug. 30th.

By ORDER TOWN COM.

In Mrs. A. C. Martin's communication of Aug. 6th she says in regard to the local option question, "The self-styled temperance workers may be both to open their eyes to the real state of affairs," and farther on "would say let there be a full and fair discussion of it in all its bearings, and a putting aside of all such intolerance as is disposed to accuse every one of dishonesty who may chance to hold a different opinion." So, being one of the workers, with her permission would like to say: That temperance workers, self-styled or otherwise, are not only willing to open their eyes, but have them already open; and while we grieve to know that many are short sighted, though perhaps honest as far as they can see, we know that there are others that not only see with their eyes, but hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, over and beyond pocket books, or political parties; and know too, that the mother heart of Van Buren county would prefer to contend with the concealed viper, with the stout club of prohibition law in her hand, than to meet the same reptile in open field, having her hands tied behind her with the bloody thong of license. And while we believe the local option law to be weak and ineffectual in many respects, how can it be otherwise when our federal government is diametrically opposed to the suppression of the drink traffic. It is the best law we have at present, and we shall do all in our power to prevent this county from throwing its legal and moral protection around a business that is evil, and only evil, and while we may meet with opposition we shall still go forward, trusting in Him who gave us that great prohibitory law from Mount Sinai, that though often, and openly defied, yet few there are who will say it is weak or ineffectual.

Question: If more liquor is drunk in Van Buren county under the local option law than under high license, why don't the local dealers preempt the "boot-leg" claim and reap the profit, plus the license tax?

Respectfully,
MRS. ALICE V. HEWSON.

Antwerp Republican Caucus.

The Republican electors of Antwerp will hold a caucus at the Town Hall in Lawton on Thursday, August 25th, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of choosing eleven delegates to the county convention to be held at Lawton Sept. 7th; also, eleven delegates to the representative convention to be held at Hartford August 27th.

As a general liniment for sprains and bruises or for rheumatism, lame back, dead seated or muscular pains, Chamberlain's Pain Balm is unrivaled. For sale by Longwell Bros., Paw Paw, and J. F. Barrows, Lawrence.

HENRY F. THOMAS THE MAN.

Nominated at Allegan by the Republicans.

On the 143rd ballot, taken at 8:45 last evening in the Congressional convention at Allegan, Woodman had 35 votes, Hamilton 23, and Thomas 21. During the balloting Hamilton had lost 6 votes, 5 of which went to Thomas and 1 to Woodman, who only lacks 5 votes of a nomination.

LATER.—At 10:15 this a. m. Henry F. Thomas was nominated amid the wildest enthusiasm and the nomination was cheerfully concurred in by the other candidates. Now the battle is set. Up, guards, and at them!

In the Peoples' party convention at Lawton, Geo. L. Yapple was nominated without opposition. It will now be in order for the Democrats to do the usual "fuss" act and receive their usual drubbing. Where was Jarvis at?

A Good Yield.

Following is a list of the successful candidates for certificates at the recent examination held at this place. There were 147 applicants, of whom 101 were successful:

FIRST GRADE.
Loren Curtis.
SECOND GRADE.
Pearl Tuttle
Ruth Keith
Clara Birdsall
Anna Birdsall
Myrtle Ray
Carrie Watson

THIRD GRADE.
Chloe Hall
Anna L. Dillon
Maggie Reynolds
Harry McGrath
Chas. N. Roach
Mary Dyer
Nellie Flanders
Henry Russell
C. H. Boughton
Arthur Burt
W. G. Bessey
Ellie Howard
Leroy Wilson
Bess Austin
Gertrude Toumey
Isa Harwick
Nellie Brigham
Lizzie Roundy
Jennie Bridges
Mabel Willison
Lillian Hall
Blanche Moffett
Verne Pugsley
Della Hall
L. M. Beattie
Jessie Babcock
Helen Wiggins
Emma Yorks
Emma Ackley
H. L. Matrau
Mrs. Frank Witter
Arthur Yorks
Lucetta Gilbert
J. E. Toumey
Lucy Hamlin
Emma Austin
Grace Moulthrop
Bird E. Martin
Bernice Merrifield
Winona DeHaven
Lena Fisk
Nellie Nelson
Jennie Ray
Anna Dewey
Ernest Willis
Kate Hurlbut

State Items.

Marcellus is to build a coffin factory.

A Jackson woman chews a pound of tobacco every week.

An Alpena woman found a rattlesnake coiled in her carpet sweeper.

Harry Moore goes to jail 10 days for stealing two dozen eggs, at Manistee.

May Johnson wants \$5,000 from West Bay City for falling through a holy sidewalk.

Edgar Warren, of Ann Arbor, must pay the law \$50.20 for only punishing a little stepson.

Oceana county has peach orchards of 20,000 trees. This is the newly discovered fruit garden.

Henry Van Tiffen hanged himself in his barn at Caro because he was afraid his wife, who is an invalid, was going to die.

Lorenzo Magoon, of near Ludington, was found dead in the field. He was a prominent farmer and left a widow and family.

Earle Lewis lost his best hand in an Owosso machine shop. He is only four years old and put his fingers between cog wheels.

They said it wasn't loaded, but it went off and little Louis Crains, of Traverse City, died the next day. He did it himself.

Alpena has shipped two barrels of clay to a fine pottery firm, believing a stratum of dirt fit to make chinaware has been found.

Louis Butler missed the step of a moving Grand Rapids electric car and fell under the wheels. He will die. He was 25 years old.

James N. McBride of Owosso has accepted the professorship of history and political economy at the Michigan Agricultural College.

A Colman man drinks nothing but milk—drinks it by the gallon. His perspiration is withish and has much the appearance of the lacteal.

William Charnley, of Lake View, fell from a car platform at Portland and will probably die. His identity was discovered by the mark in his hat.

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Time Table—Monday, June 13, 1892.

GOING EAST.

STATIONS. A. M. A. M. P. M. P. M.

Leave South Haven 8:40 9:10 4:20

Leave Hartford 9:50 10:20 5:30

Leave Lawton 10:15 10:45 5:55

Leave Paw Paw 10:30 11:00 6:10

Leave Lawton 5:40 6:10 7:00

Leave Hartford 6:20 6:50 7:40

Leave South Haven 7:15 7:45 8:30

GOING WEST.

STATIONS. A. M. A. M. P. M. P. M.

Leave Lawton 6:05 11:20 2:45 8:25

Leave Paw Paw 6:20 11:35 3:00 8:40

Leave Hartford 6:35 11:50 3:15 8:55

Leave Lawton 6:50 12:05 3:30 9:10

Leave Hartford 7:15 12:20 3:45 9:25

Leave South Haven 7:30 12:35 4:00 9:40

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BUYING PICTURES.

A REPORTER CHATS WITH SEVERAL WELL KNOWN ARTISTS.

The Painters Pretty Generally Agree That One Should Buy the Paintings Which Please Him—Judgment Is Capable of Cultivation and Will Improve.

"How do people buy pictures?" Colin Campbell Cooper repeated. "Well, I suppose the majority of collectors consult the advice of a dealer or some artist, and yet there are those, not pretentious connoisseurs, either, that know a good thing when they see it, and evince unusual wisdom in their purchases. To some, however, self reliance in investing on a large scale in paintings has proved rather a disastrous experiment. The other day a collection made by a man thirty or forty years ago was sold. There was hardly half a dozen good things in it, simply because he bought and he did not know what he was getting.

"Art in this country is gradually waking up. Perhaps the Centennial might be called the American Renaissance. We know infinitely more about art than our grandparents did, and with opportunities increasing from year to year it is fair to suppose our children will show a still more marked improvement in taste. Greater facilities for traveling have done much to bring about a change in our little world, and the tendency of our art is rather toward the cosmopolitan than provincial. Naturally, time is required to educate the public taste along artistic lines.

"I think people will buy more pictures when they understand painting is not an accomplishment merely a pleasure to the eye, but that it is a part of education, of civilization. It will require time to realize this. Exhibitions are visited and the majority like to look at pictures with an admiration rather ephemeral. When the picture is out of sight the impression is gone. With a general diffusion of art paintings will be bought not solely because they appeal to the senses, to personality, but for their artistic qualities; not simply because the subject illustrated is rather a pretty idea, but because the work is technically a good art production."

Stephen Ferris said: "The world is full of good pictures to be bought for reasonable prices, but unfortunately many thousands of dollars, many fortunes, are spent for nonsense, while good work remains unsought and unbought. Common sense is happy capital in picture buying as in any other business. One can hardly provide a set number of rules to be followed in buying. Many books have been written on military science, yet the world has seen comparatively few fine generals. Judgment rules the world, and in picture buying one person is more successful than another because a spirit of superior intelligence dictates his purchases."

Thomas Eakins would like to have people buy pictures that please them and appeal to their taste. "The majority are afraid to buy what they like; they must have some one else's advice. Well, if they start with bad art, perhaps before long they will come to the good. Let people buy what they want."

"I have not thought much about buying pictures," said Mr. Frederick Waugh. "We artists are more chiefly concerned in trying to sell them. It is the privilege of the artist to paint pictures which appeal to people; which they understand and want to have for their own. But he should have a high standard, and he cannot succeed if he lowers it to cater to the popular taste. He is fortunate if in working out his ideas he pleases the public and yet does not lose his independence nor forfeit his originality. His work may be appreciated by large numbers, but it is always certain that some few will recognize his endeavor and will want to buy it."

"In the Old World art is accessible to all. The Luxembourg and the Louvre are filled permanently with the masterpieces of all ages, the best that have been done. There, too, the spirit of union is strong among artists. They gather together and talk of everything pertaining to the art world, consequently they live coarsely in a congenial climate and they grow and develop in an essentially art atmosphere. Impressionism? Yes, this is the great word nowadays. Many have an idea that it is a synonym for vaguely treated and partially unfinished pictures. Impressionism claims to record facts as observed by the artist. Sincerity to nature is its aim. After all, there is nothing so beautiful as truth, and the nearer we get to it, as we find it in nature, the better artists we are."

"Many Americans buy pictures," Mr. F. de B. Richards responded, "because they have accumulated money, and pictures are the proper thing to have. Generally they know very little about it, and a dealer does the work for them. If people purchase pictures to flatter their vanity, let them spend big sums and buy high priced pictures. If they buy for pleasure, let them buy what interests them. I remember meeting Edwin Forrest after a sale. 'I've bought a picture,' said he. 'They told me not to do it, because very likely it is not original. But it pleases me, and I should buy it if it were by somebody I never heard tell of.' A picture pleasing to the eye is a source of education for the time being at least. Adverse criticism may lead a man to scrutinize it and study it more closely than if he had bought one he did not like half so well."

"I think I should be inclined to buy what I liked personally," was the opinion of Edwin Swift Balch, "not forgetting that the pictorial qualities should not be lost sight of in the desire to get a pleasing subject. Good handling, the proper placing of values and meritorious color, allied to a sympathetic subject, will tend to keep our interest in a painting alive."—Philadelphia Times.

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